GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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FTA WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making any efforts to sort out the differences on free trade agreement with ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ASEAN countries have included several Indian products in the sensitive category so as to curtail their access to the market;

(d) the details of these products; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) & b): The negotiations for India-ASEAN Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement are ongoing and both sides are discussing various aspects of the proposed Agreement.Negotiations for Trade in Goods Agreement are at an advanced stage and only a few issues remain to be resolved.

c) to e): Both India and ASEAN Member Countries have tabled Sensitive Lists which are under negotiation.